

In the yeare 59. in the fourth Month, the last day of the Month being the 5th day of the Week.

THE presence of the Lord God was felt within me, and in his light he let me see what his pleasure was with me; it was clearly shew'd me that I should goe to the Steeplehouse in Alderman-bury the first day of the week then following, and take with me something to work, and doe it in the Pulpit at their singing time.

At which sight I found much unwillingnesse in my selfe, yet sitting still with trembling, there came upon me a very great weight pressing me to obedience; yea a heavy burthen was felt, till I had consented to obey; I felt the weight to increase, oh how hard my unwilling will was to yeild, but the Lord strengthened me, and having consented, I found a little ease; yea I did resolve in the power of the Lord to goe on. I purposed to carry with me a Pocket to sew.

So the first day morning being the 3^d day of the 5th month after the 8th hour one of the Doers being open, I passed in, thinking to get into the Pulpit to bide my selfe there till their singing time, and then get up and work; The Sexton sying me, took me by the arme, said friend we doe not open yet, for it was their Communion day as they call; but the time I was in, I found that the Galleries were higher then the Pulpit, and I should have been discovered before their song began; I see the Clark giving Tickets: soe about the 9th hour their Doers were opened, I passed in as one of their owne crowd, the throng came in very fast, I got into one of the Galleries to slye if possible to get in the Pulpit some way, but I found none: at that time, so they began to read, and I came downe, and finding no way to get into the Pulpit, I came to the Table that is prepared for that troop, I thought to get upon the Table to worke, but the Table was set round with young men, and when they began their song, they laid on their hats upon the Table, so I standing still waiting on the Lord, having a great mind to doe the Lords work, their song being up, my hat offended them, they took it off, and cast it away, and one of the young men gave it me again, I put it on, and it offend'd again in so much that Piercesall did perceive me, who came violently, and took my hat off to fling it away, but I held it, then he took me by the hair of the head, and drag'd me on, and as one of their own company testified to his face that he stroke me, but I cannot say that, but a lusty red hair'd man

did strike me, I supposed him to be an officer in that batesfull place, but Piercefall after he had drag'd me out by the haire, said Sarrah doe you not know William Duike, I said nay, for I did not know him; Sarrah said he, I put him in prison, and finde him ten pound, and you must be served so, and so charge'd the Constable with me, and went himsele in againe, and received the Sacrament for all this.

The Constable told me that I might goe away if I would, but in againe I must not. So I stood a while and finding in my selfe no constraint, I passed away towards More-fields finding a little ease from the weight of the burden, being faithfull to what might be done at that time: but the 6th day of the weeke being the 8th day of the moneth sitting at worke in my Shop but not on the Shop-board, the burden of the Lord came upon me, and the light making manifest the same thing that was not yet done, must be done, and the Lord would not discharge me, but laid a necessity upon me. I beholding this with trembling and feare; I did resolve in the power of the Lord not to eat nor drink, till I had performed the Lords requiring. So having purposed in heart, I greatly desired the Lords assistance; and it was shewed me how to doe it, and the Lord made way for me.

So the first day of the week being the 10th day of the 5th moneth, I waited opportunity till the singing time began, which when I heard, I passed in, but being fearefull to be taken with the bat againe; and so loose my maine businesse, for the Lord: I slept out againe, but said not, I came in againe; I lookt towards the Pulpit and shyed the pue dore open, that the Priest might passe up the Pulpit. So I waited thinking that Edmund Calomy would goe up the Pulpit, I intended to get in before him; for thought I that boy that sits upon the stairs will open the Pulpit dore for the Priest, and He get in before, but no Priest came, whereupon in the power of the Lord; I fixed my eye upon the Pulpit, and I shyed and iron booke, and I passed through the pue up the stairs, and unbookt the dore, and pull'd twice and gat it open, and I sat my selfe down upon the Cushin, and my feet upon the seate where the Priest when he hath told out his lyes doth sit downe, and having my work ready, I pull'd one or two fittes. The people lost their song, and some cried pull him downe, some breake his neck downe, and a lusty fellow came up and did intend to doe me a mischief, and rang my neck as if he would have rang it in two. Soe I let goe my hold and he flang me downe stairs; but the Lord preserved me, and I felt no hurt; for having done that which the Lord required me to doe I was full of peace; and it had been little to me if they had there taken away or kill'd

hild the body. For I was full of joy, and they were full of wroth and madnesse; so they tore my Coat off and my hat, and dragged me out, and one took me by the haire and flung me upon the ground, and some that was without said why do you use the man so, but I gat up again, then they dragged me quite out into the street, and there held me, and while they held me, one came, and gave me a violent kick on the shins, and said he could find in his heart to knock me down, he made my shin bleed, and another kickt me on the other shin, but did not much hurt, another said that I had beene some notorious sinner heretofore and now came to doe something that might merit. Presently the Church-warden as they call him, came out, and he and the Bell-toler carried me away to the Counter till their Sermon was ended, as they call it, then they carried me away to Pauls Tard to stay for the Mayor, but the Sargent said he would carry me away to the Mayors House and there stay me till he came in; so he did: And all the way through Pater-noster-Row as I went, the boys kickt my heels, so then the Mayor came in, and they told him that I was at work in the Pulpit; then said he to me, wherefore did you work there? I said in obedience to the Lords commandement: he said, It was a false spirit, and said he, where are your sureties? I said The Lord was my surety; he said, The Lord would not beare me out in this thing: said he to them, Carry him againe to the Counter: So they carried me back againe, and there I was till the third day.

Now let all sober people judge whether I did this thing out of envy against either Priest, or People.

Yea farther I say, the Lord God lay it not to their charge

charge, who have said that I did it in malice, and
 vilishnesse, and envy; it is the desire of my soul that
 they might be saved.

And so do write my name
 being a Prisoner for the Te-
 stimony of the Lord in the Com-
 mon Goal in Newgate Lon-
 don: Committed the 15th.
 of the 5th. Moneth 59.

Solomon Eccles.

FINIS.



LONDON:

Printed for M. W. in the 6 Month, 1659.

